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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FISCHER et al.

Application No.: 09/840,743

Filed: April 23, 2001

For: NUCLEIC ACIDS THAT
CONTROL PLANT DEVELOPMENT

Examiner: KUBELIK, Anne R.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time for responding to the Office Action for three months from March 26, 2003, to June 26, 2003, is filed concurrently herewith. **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.